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REMAKRS

Claims 38-74 are now present in the application. Claims 49, 51, 62-64 have been amended. Claim 38 is independent.

Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

49. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim [46] 42 , wherein said connecting section is at least partly provided with a smooth surface.

51. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim [52] 42, wherein one or more self-tapping cutting recesses are provided at least in part on said connecting section.

62. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim [60] 59, wherein the height of the screw thread profile on the frusto-conical proximal section is no greater than 0.3 mm.

63. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim [60] 59, wherein the screw thread profile on the frusto-conical proximal section is formed by the turns of one or more screw threads.

64. (AMENDED) The femur fixture as claimed in claim [59] 58, wherein said circumferentially oriented roughness is in the form of circumferential beads.